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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of )  
Edward Ashton ) Art Unit: 3737  
Appln. No.: 10/811,887 ) Examiner: Jennifer A. Horwat  
Filed: March 3, 2004 ) Docket No.: 116741-00238  
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ) Date: December 16, 2005  
IDENTIFYING OPTIMIZED BLOOD )  
SIGNAL IN MEDICAL IMAGES TO )  
ELIMINATE FLOW ARTIFACTS )

**REQUEST FOR NEW OFFICE ACTION AND  
RESTARTING OF TIME PERIOD FOR RESPONSE**

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Sir:

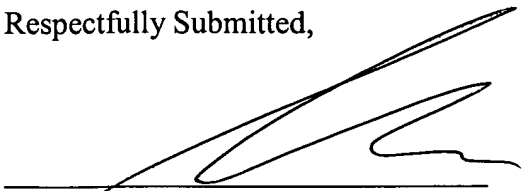
The Office Action mailed November 25, 2005, has been carefully considered. In response thereto, and pursuant to MPEP § 710.06, the Applicant, through undersigned counsel, respectfully requests that a new Office Action be mailed and that the time period for response be restarted to begin with the mailing date of that new Office Action.

According to the Office Action Summary, claims 1-28 are rejected. However, the Office Action nowhere sets forth a basis for rejection of claim 4.

As a consequence, the Applicant is not put on notice of the ground of rejection of claim 4 and cannot answer that ground of rejection. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that he is entitled to a new Office Action, setting forth the grounds of rejection of all of the pending claims, and a restarted time period for response.

It is believed that no fee is due for the present Request. However, the Office is authorized to charge any deficiency in fees, or credit any overpayment thereof, to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (116741-00238).

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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